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SUBJECT: JULY 31 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORT WIDESPREAD ARAB SATISFACTION
WITH SYRO-PALESTINIAN ACCORD

1. SYRIAN MEDIA CITED SUPPORT FOR SYRO-PALESTINIAN ACCORD
SIGNED IN DAMASCUS JULY 29 BY LEBANESE, JORDANIAN, KUWAITIS,
LYBIANS AND ARAB MASSES IN GENERAL. ACCORDING TO PRESS,
ISREAL EXPRESSED ITS ANXIETY OVER AGREEMENT AND EGYPT
ATTACKED JOINT STATEMENT'S CRITICISM OF SINAI ACCORD.
JALLUD LAUDED RESTORATION OF COHESION BETWEEN SYRIA AND
PALESTINIANS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST "AMERICAN SCHEMES,
ZIONISM AND DEFEATISM IN REGION."

2. AL THAWRAH CITED AFP DESPATCH FROM TRIPOLI REPORTING
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THAT PLO REP IN LYBI DENIED NEWS RELEASED BY MENA OF

PALESTINIAN REJECTION OF DAMASCUS ACCORD. REP ASSERTED
PLO COMMAND HAD INFORMED ALL ITS OFFICES THAT IT ACCEPTED
ACCORD.

3. PRESS REPORTED SARKIS CONTINUED CONTACTS WITH LEBANESE
POLITICAL LEADERS TO REVIEW SITUATION IN LIGHT OF AGREEMENT.
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT ABU FADIL, ISLAMIC
ASSN PRES WAZZAN AND MINISTER TWEINI LISTED AS SUPPORTERS
OF AGREEMENT. FOCUSING ON BEKAA, MIDIA REPORTED STATEMENTS
BY PROMINENT LEBANESE GRATEFUL FOR SECURITY PROVIDED BY
SYRIAN TROOPS.

4. COLUMNISTS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DAMASCUS ACCORD IN
PREPARING WAY FOR END TO ARAB WEAKNESS CAUSED BY FIGHTING
IN LEBANON AND SHIFT TO CONFRONTATION WITH ENEMY TO
RECOVER ARAB LANDS AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. EDITORIAL
WARNED THAT THOSE WHO HAVE SOWN SEEDS OF DISCORD BETWEEN
SYRIA AND PALESTINIANS WILL ATTEMPT TO USE ALL MEANS TO
UNDERMINE AGREEMENT. ALL COLUMNISTS, HAVING QUITE
OBVIOUSLY RECEIVED OFFICIAL GUIDANCE, VIGOROUSLY
CRITICIZED SINAI ACCORD.

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